

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes

June 10, 2021

6:30 PM

MODIFIED AGENDA

City Hall Auditorium

Utility Advisory Board

Wendell Porter (Member)

Wes Wheeler (Member)

Barry Jacobson (Member)

Carla Lewis (Member)

Theresa Spurling-Wood (Non-Voting Member)

Tim Rockwell (Member)

Don Davis (Non-Voting Member)

Fletcher Crowe (Member)

Jason Fults (Member)

If you have a disability and need an accommodation in order to participate in this meeting, please contact the Office of Equal Opportunity at (352) 334-5051 at least two business days in advance. TTY (Text Telephone Telecommunication Device) users please call 711 (Florida Relay Service). For Speech to Speech (STS) relay, please call 1-877-955-5334. For STS Spanish relay, please call 1-877-955-8773. For STS French Creole relay, please call 1-877-955-8707.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:43 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Members Wheeler, Fults, Crowe, Porter

Absent: Members Lewis, Jacobson, Rockwell, Davis, Spurling-Wood

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted with the following modification:

Hear new business before old business.

Citizen Nathan Skop spoke.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[210071.](#) Minutes of the May 13, 2021 UAB Meeting and the May 25, 2021 UAB Workshop (B)

Attachments: [210071 UAB 5-13-21 Meeting Minutes 20210610](#)

[210071 UAB 5-25-21 Workshop Minutes 20210610](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Approve the minutes as drafted.*

The minutes of the May 13th meeting were approved as drafted. The minutes of the May 25th meeting were not approved. Staff was asked to add additional information to the May 25th minutes and bring them back for approval at the July 8, 2021 meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Citizens Nathan Skop and Brian O'Brien spoke.

STATE OF THE UTILITY

[210070.](#) GRU Operational Update for the Month of May 2021 (B)

Attachments: [210070 GRU Ops Update 2021 May 20210610](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Receive report.*

Staff provided an overview of GRU's operations for the month of May 2021.

OLD BUSINESS

[180258.](#)

Utility Advisory Board's Draft Energy Policy for the City of Gainesville (B)

Attachments: [180258 Energy Policy Presentation 20210610](#)
[180258 Energy Policy Survey Analysis 20210610](#)
[180258 Energy Policy Survey Results 20210727](#)

RECOMMENDATION

1. Hear a presentation from staff.
2. Decide whether to take the presentation to the July 27, 2021 joint UAB/City Commission meeting for discussion and direction.

This item was heard after item #180258. Staff gave a presentation on the method and results of the poll conducted about the UAB's draft energy policy. UAB members expressed concern that the poll did not reach a large enough portion of citizens and was therefore not representative of GRU's customer base. There was a great detail of discussion about the need to take the draft policy directly to the public through workshops or GRU in the neighborhood and have in depth discussions, with explanation of each section so that the public understands the policy and the need for it. The board agreed that they would further discuss this at their June 22nd workshop and then discuss it with the City Commission at their joint June 27th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS[210072.](#)

Continued Discussion of GRU's Proposed FY22 Budget (B)

Attachments: [210072 Budget Presentation 20210607](#)

RECOMMENDATION

The UAB hear a presentation from staff on the FY22 GRU budget.

Staff gave an update on the status of GRU's proposed FY22 budget and explained that the City Commission had approved the following recommendations which were presented to them in a special meeting:

- Two year CPI adjustment in the Electric system of 7%; 5% Wastewater
- Approval of the GFT resolution to reduce the amount by \$2 million a year through 2027
- Approval of a rate ordinance through fiscal year 2027, 3% increase in Electric and 5% increase in Wastewater per year
- Exploring use of the increased utility tax revenue for low income utility bill assistance.

The Board heard the presentation and discussed. No action was required.

MEMBER COMMENT**CITIZEN COMMENT**

Citizens Brian O'Brien, Nancy Deren and Ray Washington spoke.

NEXT MEETING DATE

June 22, 2021 - Workshop

July 8, 2021 - Regular Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.